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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL SALVAGE OPERATION

REF: A. STATE 57546; B. CAIRO 1207

1. DCM CONVEYED INFORMATION REFTEL A TO SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY DIRECTOR MASHHOUR MARCH 25. MASHHOUR WAS PLEASED TO LEARN MURPHY PACIFIC HAS HAD MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN SALVAGING OPERATIONS AND HAD CONDUCTED NUMEROUS JOBS FOR US NAVY. HE ALSO WAS PLEASED TO HEAR MURPHY PACIFIC HAD IN ITS EMPLOY FORMER NAVY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE OPERATED HEAVY LIFT VESSELS.

2. MASHHOUR SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN US NAVY OBSERVING OPERATION OF LIFT VESSELS AND THAT THIS WOULD BE FURTHER ASSURANCE THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD GO SMOOTHLY.

3. MASHHOUR SAID THAT PETER BARRACCA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, MURPHY PACIFIC, WOULD BE IN CAIRO SEEING SCA OFFICIALS LATER THIS WEEK. MASHHOUR LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING CANAL SALVAGE JOB EXPEDITED.

4. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN STATE/DOD/NAVY AND MURPHY PACIFIC ABOUT SALVAGE OPERATION AND WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

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TO THEIR REQUEST FOR USG HELP IN THIS PROJECT.
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